released Rs. 132 crores to 27 nationalised banks for payment of margin money. All banks have been requested to utilise 10% of the funds released to them for the projects in the North Eastern Region.

(c) In view of the reply at (a) and (b) question does not arise.

(d) KVIC constituted a Committee for preparing an action plan for the benefit of the North Eastern Region. The Committee, which has conducted detailed analysis of the potentiality of Village Industries in the region has submitted its report. Keeping the requirement of North Eastern Region in view and also the recommendations/suggestions of the Committee. KVIC has approved a separate action plan for this region. it is expected that with the launching of the action plan. at least 10% of the KVIC budgetary support will go exclusively in favour of North Eastern Region.

Statement

District Special Employment Programme

Sl. No.	States	Districts
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Changlang
2.	Assam	Marigaon Lakhimpur
3.	Manipur	Imphal
4.	Mizoram	Lunglai & Aizwal
5.	Meghalaya	East Garo Hills West Garo Hills South Garo Hills
6.	Nagaland	Dimapur & Kohima
7.	Tripura	Tripura (West)

125 Block Development Programme

Sl. No.	States	Blocks
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Kimindoimuk
2.	Assam	Rangia Kokopathar Udal Guri Matia Bihpuria
3.	Manipur	Thanglong Kamjong
4.	Mizoram	Mizoram
5.	Meghalaya	Selsella
6.	Nagaland	Medziphema
7.	Tripura	Mohanpur

Entry of 'Philip Morris'

2980. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are preparing to let in the world's largest tobacco multinational, "Philip Morris" with 100% FDI;

(b) whether this will not increase cigarette smoking, add to health hazards and hurt beedi industry; and

(c) whether this policy is consistent with the Government's National Agenda that 'India shall be build by Indians'?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) A proposal has been received from M/s. FTR Holding (stated to be a subsidiary of M/s. Philip Morris) for setting up a Wholly Owned Subsidiary in India for, inter-alia, undertaking research and technical services to improve tobacco leaf production; processing tobacco using proprietary expanded tobacco technology; and providing marketing, advertising and distribution support to licensed manufacturers of cigarettes etc.

(b) Proposals (including that of M/s. FTR Holding) are considered and recommended by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) after taking into account all relevant issues, based on the applicable guidelines for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and comments received from Administrative Ministries concerned.

(c) The Government's National Agenda recognises the need to encourage FDI in core sector so as to usefully supplement national efforts while discouraging it non-priority areas. The guidelines for the consideration of FDI proposals by FIPB stipulate that activities having a direct or backward linkages with agro business and/or farm sector may be considered on priority.

Entry of foreign liquor companies

2981. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign liquor companies had earlier been allowed to come into India on the promise that they will manufacture only non-molasses alcohol as reported in the Times of India, dated 11th January, 1999;

(b) whether this condition has been deleted in the agreements signed more recently; and

(c) whether this new policy will not defeat the twin objectives of utilising waste non-molasses raw materials and securing higher remuneration to the Indian farmers?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) to (c) Under the notified policy of the Central Government, any enhancement of capacity for potable alcohol based on molasses is not permitted. This policy is applicable to all companies with or without foreign collaboration. In line with this policy, therefore, foreign liquor companies are also permitted to do business in India subject to utilisation of existing licensed capacity by entering into a tie up with an existing valid Indian licence holder and subject to conditions of the licence and foreign collaboration approval.

प्रधानमंत्री रोजगार योजना के अंतर्गत फर्रुखाबाद से प्राप्त आवेदन पत्र

2982. प्रो० रामबक्श सिंह वर्मा: क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान, प्रधानमंत्री रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत ऋण प्राप्त करने हेतु उत्तर प्रदेश के फर्रुखाबाद जनपद से कितने आवेदन-पत्र प्राप्त हुए;

(ख) उपर्युक्त में से कितने नवयुवकों को ऋण प्राप्त हुए; और

(ग) ऋण हेतु कितने आवेदन-पत्र लंबित पड़े हुए हैं तथा उनके आवेदन-पत्रों पर कब तक विचार किए जाने की संभावना है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त): (क) और (ख) राज्य सरकार द्वारा दी गई सूचना के अनुसार, उत्तर प्रदेश के फर्रुखाबाद जिले में, पिछले तीन वर्षों के अर्थात् 1996-97, 1997-98 तथा 1998-99 के दौरान प्राप्त 4,851 आवेदनों में से 1,464 शिक्षित बेरोजगार युवाओं ने ऋण प्राप्त किया।

(ग) राज्य सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि वर्ष 1996-97 तथा 1997-98 के लिए कोई आवेदन विचारार्थ लंबित नहीं पड़ा है।

वर्ष 1998-99 के लिए 279 स्वीकृत आवेदन बैंक में लंबित हैं। ये आवेदन ऋण के संविरण संवितरण हेतु विचारार्थ पड़े हैं। सभी औपचारिकताएं पूरी होने की शर्त पर, ऋण के संवितरण की अंतिम तिथि 31 दिसम्बर, 1999 है।

Industries established in the private sector in Assam

2983. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industries established in the private sector in Assam during the last ten years;

(b) the amount of foreign investment including investment made by NRI's in the country during this period, State-wise;